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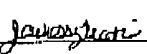
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Applicant(s): Baker and Cowser			
Serial No. 10/035,485	Filing Date October 17, 2001	Examiner Janet L. Epps Ford	Group Art Unit 1614
Invention: ANTISENSE MODULATION OF MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE 1 EXPRESSION			
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Preliminary Amendment

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to address issues raised in the Advisory Action mailed April 8, 2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response from the mailing date of the final rejection dated January 26, 2004. A request for continued examination is filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

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The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

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